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REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 8 and 14-33 without prejudice or disclaimer, amended claims 9-13 and added new claims 34-48. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-7, 9-13 and 34-48 will be pending and under examination.

Applicants maintain that the amendments to the claims do not raise an issue of new matter. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the previous version of the claims and *inter alia* in the specification at least on page 10, lines 16-23; page 13, line 12, through page 14, line 17; and Figure 3 and 3A-1 to 3A-79.

Applicants have amended the specification to update the continuing data for the subject application, to replace the original figures with a copy of the set of corrected drawings filed on December 6, 2002 in parent application U.S. Application No. 09/770,834, to provide a Sequence Listing for the subject application which is identical to the Sequence Listing filed on October 12, 2001 in parent application U.S. Application No. 09/770,834, and to conform the specification to the numbering of the corrected drawings and to the Sequence Listing. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification do not raise an issue of new matter.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Amendments be entered.

Sequence Listing

Applicants have amended the specification to provide a Sequence Listing (Exhibit 2) that is identical to the Sequence Listing filed in parent application U.S. Application No. 09/770,834 on October 12, 2001. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), please use the computer readable form (CRF) of Sequence Listing filed in parent application U.S. Application No. 09/770,834 on October 12, 2001 as the CRF of the Sequence Listing for the subject application. The sequence listing information in the paper copy of the

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Sequence Listing attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is identical to that recorded in the computer readable form (CRF) of Sequence Listing filed in parent application U.S. Application No. 09/770,834 on October 12, 2001, and does not raise an issue of new matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the six references that are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A-B (2 pages). These references were previously submitted to or cited by the Patent Office during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/770,834, from which the subject application claims the benefit of its filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of previously cited or submitted references are not included with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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CONCLUSIONS

A check for \$982.00 is enclosed to 1) the \$770.00 basic filing fee, 2) the \$86.00 fee for filing one independent claim in excess of three independent claims, and 3) the \$126.00 fee for filing 7 claims in excess of 20 claims (\$18.00 per excess claim). No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this application. However, if any other fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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